



SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1905.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Secretary Morton admitted yesterday that he is going to leave the Cabinet before cold weather, but had not decided exactly when. The belief here is that he will quit soon after July 1, although he may hold on until after Newberry, who is to become assistant secretary in succession to Judge Darling, has had an opportunity to familiarize himself with the routine of the Navy Department work. Secretary Morton it is said will return to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. The office he relinquished to become a Cabinet officer has never been filled. It has been said that it was being held open for him.

Nan Patterson came home this morning. A crowd of 250 men, women and children, more than usually greet the President when he returns to Washington, thronged the space behind the iron gates and waited impatiently until 7:20 when the woman, her sister and her brother-in-law, J. Morgan Smith, emerged from the vestibule of the New York sleeper, and walked out to the street. Nan's brother, C. H. Patterson, was the only member of the family to welcome the actress home. Nan's father was the first of the party to appear on the platform. His daughter stepped out immediately after him and as a faint cheer was started among the curious waiting throng, Mr. Patterson said: "This is Nan." Nan took her father's arm, bowed and smiled joyfully upon the crowd individually and collectively. As she walked through the gate she paused and said: "Boys, I'm awfully glad to get home. That's about all." The crowd cheered again and the Patterson-Smith party walked through the station, negotiated for two cabs, entered the vehicles and were driven out to the Howard avenue home where the sorrowing mother was waiting for her erring daughter. Feeble from illness, but invigorated and strengthened by great happiness, a white haired woman stood on the shady veranda of a pretty cottage in northwest Washington this morning. Up the street dashed a girl in the full blossom of young womanhood, her face shining with light hearted joy. The older woman had rushed to meet the younger, but her tottering steps were restrained. A second later, the girl had leaped up the terrace and the two women locked in a heartfelt embrace. This was the way Nan Patterson came back to her mother this morning. More than a year had elapsed since their last greeting. Almost twelve months of that time the daughter spent in the Tombs, and was thrice tried on the charge of having murdered her lover, Caesar Young.

Advices from Ambassador Storer, dealing with the case of Marcus Braun, special immigrant inspector, who was fined \$10 in a Budapest police court for giving a piece of his mind to a Hungarian detective whom he caught tampering with his mail have aroused indignation at the Department of Commerce and Labor. Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent will take the matter up with Secretary McCall in order to assure action on the part of the State Department, which is said to be not clear as to the right of protest, because the status of Braun as a special immigrant inspector is not well defined. Commissioner General Sargent is of the opinion that Braun should be protected in all his rights as an American citizen, if not as an American official.

The exact business relation between the railway interests and the trusts is to be investigated by the Senate committee on interstate commerce. Summonses were issued this morning for the heads of a number of trusts that have been recently brought prominently before the public. It is expected to disclose what railway preferences have been accorded to or exacted by the special interests.

In testifying before the committee today A. C. Bird, vice president of the Gold lines, declared that there is no popular demand for new railway legislation, except as it arose from misguided opinion that new legislation is necessary to prevent payment of rebates or preferences. He said that such discriminations had practically ceased and that if any did exist, all that was necessary was for the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce the present law. He had no objection to the formation of a court with due provision for expediting hearings to which the railways may appeal. "Railway companies will not oppose any provision which will hasten due process of law, so that complainants may have a quick remedy; but railroads properly should receive the same protection as is accorded other property, under the constitution," he said.

An official report received by the War Department this morning by cable from Major General Corbin commanding the Philippines Division, announces that the U. S. transport Buford with part of the 19th Infantry aboard, struck a coral reef four miles from Malabang, P. I. At time of sending dispatch the Buford was still on the reef, but no serious damage had been done.

Secretary of War Taft will entertain the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission at luncheon next Monday, when the President of the United States, who will also be Secretary Taft's guest, will be formally presented to the commission as a body. The meeting of the Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, which was to have been held in New York on Monday, has been postponed until Tuesday and the members of the executive committee of the canal commission have changed their date of sailing from New York for the isthmus from Tuesday to Wednesday next.

General Lomax was today appointed a member of the Gettysburg Board. The appointment was, it is said, made at the instance of Senator Daniel.

It was announced at the White House this afternoon that the President will formally open the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Ore., on June 1, by pressing a key in his office; also that the vice-President will travel personally to Portland to be the President's representative at the Exposition on that occasion.

President Roosevelt put in three solid hours going over his correspondence and dictating letters of importance to Secretary Loeb this morning. While he was thus engaged quite a number of congressional callers came and went away.

After one of the most interesting as well as successful meetings in its history the International Railway Congress formally closed its sessions here today and tomorrow the delegates will start on their tour of inspection of the various railways of the country before leaving for their homes.

The fourth Baltic fleet will sail from Leban for the far East next week.

Virginia News.

The general offices of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, or at least a large portion of them, are to be moved from Portsmouth to Norfolk.

Rev. S. R. Tyler, assistant to Rev. Wm. B. Lee, of Gloucester has accepted the call to St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Hamilton and that of the Round Hill and Goresville churches, and will take charge of his work early in June.

The public schools of Danville will close for the term on Friday of next week. The public schools of Newport News will practically close for the present session on Friday June 9 as there will be no attendance of pupils after that date. The last school month ends on June 12 and the three days will be utilized by the principals and teachers in preparing for the summer vacation, making out lists reports, etc.

Policeman Robert A. Phillips, who Thursday night shot and killed Artilleryman George A. Dowrey, in Phoebus, was yesterday sent on to the grand jury and later was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000. The verdict of the coroner's jury recites that Dowrey was killed by Phillips while the latter was on duty and was endeavoring to retake an escaped prisoner. It neither condemns nor exonerates the officer.

A strike among the union carpenters of Richmond is regarded as probable. There is no question of wages at issue, but a demand has been made that only union men be employed by the builders. A large majority of the master builders have adopted a resolution refusing to recognize this demand and pledging themselves not to employ any carpenters who strike because of their refusal. About thirty carpenters have already gone out.

Two daughters of Henry Whittaker, aged, respectively, 10 and 12 years, were drowned in a fish-pond near East Pulaski, in Pulaski county, yesterday. The girls, with a party of their playmates, were wading in the shallow water near the bank of the pond. By degrees several of the children ventured into the deeper water, and the Whittaker sisters finally got beyond their depth and sank. The other children made desperate efforts to save the unfortunate sisters.

Death of Herbert Croker.
Herbert V. Croker, a son of Richard Croker, the New York political leader, was found dead on the southbound Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway train between Kansas City and Newton, Kansas, yesterday. He had died during the night, evidently from the effects of some drug administered at Kansas City, where he took the train on Thursday night for Bliss, Okla.

The first news of the death of young Croker was received in Kansas City yesterday afternoon, when the local police were requested to hunt for a negro who placed Croker on the train at Kansas City. He was located last night. He is Charles Woodson, a porter at the Coates Hotel. Woodson says that Croker had been drinking when he arrived at the hotel about 8 o'clock Thursday night. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro says, asked where there was a "hop joint." After repeated requests, Woodson says that he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. Then they went together to a Chinese resort, where they remained for an hour. Woodson says that he then took Croker directly to the train at the Union Station. Young Croker's valise is still at the check stand at the hotel, and it is not believed that he went to any other hotel during his brief stay in Kansas City. Woodson tells a straight story, and the police do not think that he was guilty of robbing Croker or otherwise abusing his confidence.

Passengers on the train took particular notice when young Croker was assisted into a chair car at the Union station in Kansas City by the negro, because the white man was helpless, as if from liquor. The negro assisted Croker into a seat and then gave him a purse containing a railroad ticket and \$19, counting the money out to Croker. The passengers heard Croker say: "Now I want you to send me the rest of it."

The negro asked Croker to write his address, but Croker refused, and finally the negro wrote as Croker dictated. The address was "Bliss, Ok., care of 101 Ranch."

Immediately after the train started Croker fell into a deep sleep, snoring loudly. Later he grew quieter. As the train neared Newton the conductor, who wished to take up Croker's ticket, shook him to arouse him, and found him dead. There are no marks of violence on the young man's body.

Further investigation made today leads to the belief that young Croker's death was due to an over-indulgence in opium, he, it is believed, having eaten some of the drugs after smoking the pipe.

Wilson, the porter, was examined today. He says that on the way to the "hop joint" Croker met two colored women and entered a saloon with them where they had a bottle of beer. Croker wanted the women to accompany him to the joint, but they refused.

Newton, Kan., May 13.—The verdict in the coroner's jury in the case of Herbert Croker is that death resulted from narcotic poisoning administered in Kansas City in an unknown manner. The remains will be held here pending the arrival of Richard Croker, Jr., who telegraphed that he expects to get in Sunday. No marks of violence were found on the body. The coroner states it was simply a case of narcotic poisoning, that no autopsy was necessary.

New York, May 13.—A pathetic feature of the death of Herbert V. Croker was the fact that the young man had left New York for the purpose of building himself up so that he could resist temptation to dissipate that had proved too strong for him. Facing a long period of abstinence on an Oklahoma ranch he concluded to have his last fling in Kansas City; and it proved to be his last fling.

Seven Men Killed by Explosion.
Butte, Mont., May 13.—As the result of an explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite, on the 100-foot level of the Corn mine late yesterday, seven men were instantly killed and one probably fatally injured.

When ever you feel impending ill, And need a magic little pill, No other one will fill the bill. Like DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

The Famous Little Pills EARLY RISERS cure Constipation, Sick Headache, Bileousness, etc. They never grip or sicken, but in part early rising energy. Good for children or adults. Sold by W. F. Creighton, 401 King street, and corner Queen and Patrick streets.

NAN PATTERSON.

As stated in the Gazette of that day Nan Patterson was released from jail on her own recognizance yesterday. District Attorney Jerome announced his decision to free Nan Patterson in a speech in the course of which he declared that during two of the trials of the girl all the evidence in the possession of the district attorney's office had been presented to the court, and that in both cases there had been a disagreement. He said he did not believe that at this time, "in this county, another trial would result in anything else than a disagreement." Then he declared that during the last trial he had information that the members of the jury had agreed that J. Morgan Smith had bought the revolver, that Nan Patterson carried it in her cab and that Caesar Young did not commit suicide. He took occasion to refute published reports as to the cost of the proceedings. Following this line, he declared that the newspapers had made "gross misrepresentations."

Recorder Goff met the eyes of the girl as she walked slowly into the courtroom and took the same seat which she occupied during the trying days of her last trial.

"Nan Patterson," he said slowly, "the District Attorney has seen fit to recommend your discharge. I feel bound to say I fully coincide in the decision. There is nothing I can say in this case that has not already been said; but let me entreat you in your future life to remember the terrible ordeal through which you have passed and to permit every action of your life to be guided by that remembrance. Good-by," and the Recorder bowed his head as he uttered the final word and closed the case.

A moment later the girl was shaking hands with her counsel. Then she walked steadily from the court to find herself in the arms of her father, just outside the door. The crowds in the corridor cheered and the police let them have their way.

Not the least interesting of the day's events and perhaps the great dramatic climax to the troubles of the former "Florodora" girl was the reunion in freedom with her sister, Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, and her brother-in-law, J. Morgan Smith, both of whom were discharged by Justice Cowing, in the Court of General Sessions, after being held on charges of conspiracy in connection with the Patterson case. Smith was also held for contempt of court in failing to obey a subpoena as a witness at a first trial. He was fined \$250 and released on this charge. Then came the surprise, for Nan Patterson herself paid the fine out of a \$300 check, which had been given her by a friendly newspaper.

Storms in West Virginia.

A terrific storm of wind and rain, which has prevailed for the past eighteen hours, created havoc throughout the Huntington, W. Va., section yesterday. Rumors of loss of life cannot be verified. Above Caltensburg a torrent washed out 300 feet of the big pipe line of the Triple State Gas Company. As a result the residents of Guyandotte, Huntington, Kenova, Caltensburg, Ashland, and Ironton, and the smaller intervening towns have been without light.

Many persons dependent upon gas for cooking purposes have been compelled to go hungry. The lightning interfered with the electric light companies. Many of their wires were down for over twelve hours. There was no telegraphic service out of Huntington, the wires of all companies being down, and nearly every long-distance telephone line was also out of commission. Huntington was practically cut off from the outer world. The unprecedented rise in the Guyandotte river, eighteen feet within twelve hours, carried out the immense boom of Crane & Co., and between 75,000 and 100,000 logs went into the Ohio river. Heavy damage to farmers was reported along the small streams, houses, barns, outhouses and live stock being carried away by the rush of water. All communication with the interior is still cut off, and it will be many hours before the extent of the loss can be ascertained. Railroads are heavy losers from landslides.

A tornado, accompanied by a terrific rainstorm, struck Bluefield, yesterday about noon and lasted thirty minutes. Five dwelling houses were blown down, windows in business houses were shattered, and buildings flooded. The Norfolk and Western round house roof was partly blown off, and several people were injured by falling debris. Communications with the coal fields is cut off. The extent of the damage there cannot be ascertained, although it is believed it will amount to thousands of dollars.

Storms in Virginia.

Storms almost cyclonic in their violence struck the southwest section of Virginia yesterday, doing damage which will mount into the thousands. There were no reports of any loss of life.

Stock was drowned in Giles county, fences destroyed, and the roads almost obliterated, Montgomery and Pulaski likewise suffered from wind and rain. The big stack of the electric plant at Pulaski was blown down and the place last night was in darkness. Wires were carried away, as well as several railroad bridges.

At noon yesterday began the worst rainstorm ever witnessed in Christiansburg and vicinity. For two hours the water fell in sheets, and there was an immense amount of damage done along streams, which were higher than ever known. Fences, bridges, outhouses, and all movable objects in the way of the waters were carried off.

Severe rain and thunderstorms have swept over the vicinity at intervals during the last three days. A dynamo burst out at the power-house of East Radford Thursday night and the town was in darkness. The rain fell in sheets yesterday and the telephone service was badly injured.

The Market.

Georgetown, May 13.—Wheat \$3.67.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice up to May 13, 1905:

Butler, Henry; Robinson, Isabel M.; Reilly, James; Steinhart, C. H.; Smith, Miss Lucy M.; Senne, Miss Maggie; Sickles, Mr.; Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs.; Smith, Robert (2); Scott, Richard; Tigue, J. T.; O'Donnell, Jno.; Wallace, H. C.; JOSEPH L. CRUPPER, P. M.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Warships Sighted.

Hong Kong, May 13.—Seventeen warships were sighted on Wednesday evening twelve miles off the Three Kings, the large rocks off the entrance to Hongkobe bay, Cochinchina. A number of transports were also seen at Knap Pass, seventy miles north of Kamranh bay, Cochinchina.

London, May 13.—A message to the Telegraph from Tokio confirms the reports of the sighting of seventeen warships of the Three Kings, at the entrance to Hongkobe bay, and of transports being seen at Knap Pass, north of Kamranh bay.

Verdict for \$13,950.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—The Steiner-Gibney \$50,000 breach of promise case was given to the jury in the United States District Court at 3:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The jury reached a verdict at 8 o'clock last evening. This was sealed and given to the bailiff. When court convened this morning, the seal was broken, and the verdict, awarding \$13,950 damages to the plaintiff, was read in court. Attorneys for the defendant immediately made a motion for a new trial of the case, asking for four days in which to file their reasons. With regard to the \$50,000 damages for conspiracy against the Steiner family in the alleged alienation of affections of defendant causing him to make the breach of promise to marry, the attorney for Miss Gibney took a voluntary non-suit, and the case will not go to trial.

Not to be Allowed Counsel.

Moscow, May 13.—The governor of the Province of Vladimir has issued instructions to the local authorities throughout the district not to allow the peasants to apply to barristers to support their cases in the law courts. The reason assigned for this unusual order is because the "barristers" are immoral persons who always try to seduce illiterate people with revolutionary promises. The effect of the order can readily be understood as it will leave the peasants helpless to resist by legal steps any grievances they may have, while landlords will be able to retain their own lawyers without interference.

London Comment.

London, May 13.—The Saturday Review in commenting on the recent speech of President Roosevelt in regard to the regulation of railway rates, says: "Sometime or other the American people will have to face a larger issue than that which divides the country into rival interests of individual capitalists on the one hand and of the public and State on the other. In spite of the capitalistic trusts the principle advocated is likely to gain ground and the President, in asserting the right of the State to prevent railways from arranging rates to suit this or that interest, is on the side of angels."

Upholding the Inspector.

Vienna, May 13.—The American Embassy here is giving its support to Marcus Braun, the United States immigration inspector, who was fined \$10 for threatening a police detective he caught tampering with his mail. The actions of the Hungarian authorities are described as being in violation of international rules, and the assertion is made that satisfaction must be forthcoming. The matter has been reported to Washington and the representatives of the United States government are awaiting instructions from home before lodging a protest with the foreign office.

Martial Law in Formosa.

Tokio, May 13.—The proclamation declaring martial law in the island of Formosa, and announcing that a state of siege exists throughout the island goes into effect today. The proclamation of the state of siege was announced as a defense measure. It is understood that the announcement means that the waters about Formosa, will be mined, and the notice is given so that foreign vessels may be on the look out for the mines if they attempt to sail in the surrounding waters.

Editor Indicted.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—The public prosecutor has caused the indictment of M. Novotich editor of Novosti, and has demanded that he be punished by being sent to Siberia for life. The withdrawal of all M. Novotich's civil rights is also demanded. The offense charged against the editor is a criticism of state institutions.

Admiral Nazimoff Assassinated.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Admiral Nazimoff, of the Russian navy, was assassinated today by a former orderly, who shot him with a revolver. The orderly had been dismissed from the service and was to be sent to the front in Manchuria. It is supposed the act was committed in a spirit of revenge.

Will Not Come to America.

London, May 13.—Richard Croker, father of Herbert V. Croker, who was found dead on a train at Newton, Kansas, has wired to the correspondent of the Publishers Press from Sandy Ford, a remote spot in the Dublin mountains, saying: "I am not going to America."

Twenty-two Men Killed.

Buda-Pesth, May 13.—An explosion occurred today at the Almay coal mine near Resicza during the blasting operations, killing 22 men, and injuring one.

Death of a Survivor of 1812.

Utica, N. Y., May 13.—Hiram Cronk, sole survivor of the war of 1812, died today, aged 105.

New York Stock Market.

New York, May 13, 11 a. m.—After the opening the market became quickly strong. Foreign houses said the declines cable from the other side were misleading, and while there has been some continental and provincial liquidation, the weakness resulting was only temporary and it was impossible to buy stocks there at the price quoted in the cables. Important speculative interests were the principal buyers of stocks on the early decline and during the first hour. There was no selling pressure from any source, except the usual Saturday closing of contracts by room traders. Government bonds unchanged.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a cough or cold, I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected and how to cure it. Quicker relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store. Trial bottle free.

Tragedy in a Theatre.

Pittsfield, Mass., May 13.—A tragedy in real life, as never been seen before on the stage in Berkshire county, was enacted last night at Cook's Hall at Glendale Stockbridge before an audience of 300 people. Daniel Lapy, 23 years old, in the midst of an entertainment, walked through the crowded aisle to the stage, and with intense dramatic effect, stabbed himself three times with a large jack knife. It is believed he cannot live. Just before the steel pierced his lungs, he raised the knife over his head and shouted to the audience, "Drink down it. There was no one to blame but myself. They are all against me." Then he drove the knife with telling effect into his right side once and twice in his left side. He fell forward to the footlight. The knife dropped to his side. In an instant, the house was in an uproar. A score or more men and women fainted.

Others shouted and rushed pell mell to the doors. Several with cooler intellects barricaded the doors leading from the hall, and no doubt saved many lives, for if the wild mob had rushed down stairs there would have been some severely injured. A few of the older ones had the presence of mind, to go up to the stage and see if Lapy was actually hurt. He was then semi-conscious and could give no coherent statement as to why he had tried to take his life.

After Lapy had been removed, to his home, the programme was resumed. Later the young people had a dance. So far as known Lapy had no love affair, and was not in any serious trouble. It was believed that he was temporarily insane when he jabbed the knife into his side.

Prisoners Escaped.

Casper, Wyo., May 13.—Deputy Sheriff Webb was overpowered in the county jail last night and disarmed by Ed. Lee, Martin Tour and William Warlow, prisoners, who had escaped after securing guns, ammunition and clothing from the sheriff's office, and horses and saddles from the stables. The party rode away in the direction of the Casper mountains. Deputy Sheriff Sartog and a posse started in pursuit, over taking the bandits near the summit of the mountains, seven miles from town, where a battle ensued. Citizens with field glasses witnessed the fight, but night came on and the outcome is not known. A second posse has left Casper and a third will join the chase.

Chicago Strike.

Chicago, May 13.—The Team Owners Association held a special meeting at noon today, to consider the final position in the teamsters strike and decided to deliver to the strikers committee tonight their ultimatum that they insist on the contracts with "truck houses," being observed. Unless the labor men at Sundays meeting recede from their position that the Team Owners Association shall remain "neutral" (In the present trouble, this action will mean one of two important moves, the larger spread of the strike or its practical abandonment.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Joe Macias, the well-known boxing promoter, died at 6:25 a. m. today at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, in Philadelphia.

Messages received at St. Petersburg from Moscow state that there is a great exodus of people from the city in progress, the population is alarmed over the reports of impending trouble. Serious disturbances are reported in the districts of Smolensk, Tomsk and Desarsabai.

As a result of a jealous quarrel early this morning in a double tenement house on Callowhill street, Philadelphia, Abe Wornen, a cigar maker, was stabbed to death with a bread knife by James Daly, an ex-convict, who escaped. The difficulty was the outcome of jealousy over a woman.

At St. Mary's Hospital Jamaica, New York, it was stated this morning that the condition of Grover Cleveland Fuller, the jockey who was thrown during the running of the excelsior handicap on the opening day at the Jamaica track is critical and but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Strike Among Children.

Spread of sympathetic strikes among public school children received a new impetus in Chicago yesterday. Pupils of the Carter H. Harrison School, went on a strike when wagons of the Peabody Coal Company arrived at the building to deliver coal. The Peabody Company is a member of the Employers' Association, and has been active in delivering coal with nonunion teamsters to firms antagonized by the strikers. Police were still on guard yesterday at the Hendricks public school, where a strike similar to that at the Carter Harrison School had not entirely subsided.

Henry Hanson, fifteen years old, the alleged leader of the strike at the Harrison school, was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. Principal W. C. Payne declared that about 1,500 of the 1,700 pupils were out. He said he had advised many of the parents to take their children from the school until peaceful conditions were restored.

Mount Vernon Regents.

The council of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, in session there yesterday, discussed the steamboat contracts in connection with the landing of passengers at Mount Vernon.

The vice-regents received the French delegates to the International Railway Congress, who made a pilgrimage to the tomb of Washington.

Among the interesting relics reported as donated to Mount Vernon is the wedding dress of Nellie Custis, which was given by Marie Worthington Conrad, of Louisiana, through the vice regent of that State. The dress is of white silk and lace, daintily made, and has sleeves not unlike the style in recent years. A number of books which had belonged to General Washington were presented through the vice-regent of New York.

By the explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite on the 1,500 foot level of the Corn mine, one of the Heinze properties near Butte, Mont., yesterday afternoon, seven men were instantly killed and one badly injured.

News of the Day.

President Roosevelt yesterday approved the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy that the body of John Paul Jones be buried at Annapolis, Maryland.

James H. Hyde, of the Equitable Life Assurance Co., has made an affidavit in New York regarding the fancy dress ball at Sherry's, which primarily started all the trouble in the company's affairs. Under oath, Mr. Hyde says: "Said ball was in all respects a dignified and artistic entertainment. Nor were there any improper or scandalous occurrences at the ball, or any can-can dance."

The American railway appliance exhibit was closed at Washington yesterday. The President sent word that he would be unable to attend. A reception and garden party were given in the evening by Mrs. Roosevelt on the grounds of the White House to the delegates to the congress. The President and Vice President Fairbanks were present.

The First Regiment of the District National Guard, which was disbanded by general order No. 5 on the 8th instant and transformed into separate battalions, may be recognized and called either the First or the Third Regiment. All the officers except Col. May of the disbanded regiment bow to the general order. It is not known what action, if any, he will take to test the validity of the disbandment.

Sensational testimony as to the secret code which he said was used by the Armour Car Lines in making rebates, including code words for each of the commissioners themselves, was given in Chicago yesterday before the Interstate Commerce Commission by H. Streycmans, formerly employed by Ar. H. Streycmans, as stenographer. Streycmans testified that favored customers received rebates of 50 per cent., and that the Armour's profits from icing refrigerator cars ran as high as 600 per cent. Streycmans read from the book some of the code words and their meaning.

The Oklahoma Horror.

So far as can be ascertained 120 lives were lost by the tornado at Snyder, Oklahoma, last Wednesday night.

The Frisco Railroad from the depot to the limits of the corporation in each direction is strewn with timbers, pieces of brick and stone and other things cast there by the storm. It required considerable work to clear the tracks.

Pitiable scenes of want and suffering were seen in Snyder yesterday on all sides. Much confusion still existed despite the efforts of hundreds of outsiders to aid the victims of the tornado. On Thursday night many who had lost everything they possessed went hungry and practically unprotected from the cold.

Many bodies lying in temporary morgues remained unidentified, while among the injured dozens who suffered from ugly wounds or broken limbs were without proper medical attention. Others still were missing, and an exact list of the casualties was not to be had.

During a heavy wind yesterday some of the injured were conveyed on stretchers from the improvised hospital to various places. Rain began falling furiously and the wounded people were drenched. The wind subsided and the injured were returned to the building from which they were taken.

All the graves dug for victims of the tornado are filled with water, which must be bailed out before the bodies can be buried.

All Thursday night two dozen men worked incessantly preparing the bodies of the victims for burial, and yesterday dozens of funerals were held. Plenty of coffins had been sent, but wagons and drays had to be used in carting the remains to the cemeteries. All day long yesterday crude hearses passed through the wreck-fittered streets. Poorly clad men, women and children, most of whom had lost some members of their family and had suffered from wounds, exposure and hunger wandered here and there trying to find some missing loved one, or went from morgue to morgue in an endeavor to identify them among the dead.

We have received from the faculty and graduating class of the University College of Medicine of Richmond an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of that institution to be held in the Academy of Music, Richmond, on Thursday evening, May 15th, at 8:30 o'clock. The invitation is gotten up in a most artistic manner, beautifully printed on parchment.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

Fewer gallons; takes less of Deyce Lead and Zinc than mixed paint. Wears longer; twice as long as lead and oil.

The rapid growth of the University of Virginia in popular good will and enrollment is a matter of pride to Virginians, who are especially favored in having it as a part of their public free school system. Its enrollment this season is 735, fifty-three per cent. being Virginians. That Virginians may pursue their studies at the University, in the Academic Department, free of tuition charges, is of inestimable value to the people of this State.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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